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1. BELOW ARE AF AND IO PRESS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA.

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2. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: RECOGNITION

Q: WHAT GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA DOES THE U.S. RECOGNIZE?

A: IN LIGHT OF EVENTS IN RWANDA, WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE STATUS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. SINCE THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA (HAB-EE-ARI-MANA) ON APRIL 6, THE UNITED STATES HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH A WIDE SPECTRUM OF RWANDANS IN AN EFFORT TO PRESS OUR GOALS OF ENDING THE KILLINGS, ACHIEVING A CEASE, FIRE AND RESUMING TALKS WITHIN THE ARUSHA FRAMEWORK.

Q: DID WE RECOGNIZE THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT?

A: YES. THE U.S. RECOGNIZED PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA'S GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD BEEN IN POWER SINCE 1973. IN JANUARY 1994, PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA WAS SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF A BROAD-BASED TRANSITION GOVERNMENT PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE ARUSHA ACCORDS.

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UNDER THE ACCORDS, THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF), WAS TO LEAD THE COUNTRY TO MULTIPARTY ELECTIONS AT THE END OF THE 22-MONTH TRANSITION PERIOD. THE ASSEMBLY HAD NOT BEEN INSTALLED.

3. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: CURRENT SITUATION

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Q: PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FIGHTING, PEACE EFFORTS AND THE FRENCH OPERATION.

A: UN SOURCES REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO MAJOR FIGHTING IN RWANDA IN THE LAST FEW DAYS; RATHER, THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO SECURE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. THE RPF AND TWO POLITICAL OPPOSITION PARTIES MET TODAY IN KIGALI AT THE HOTEL MERIDIEN, PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. RPF COMMANDER KAGAME IS EXPECTED TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER TODAY ON THE RESULTS ON THIS MEETING. THE FRENCH CONTINUE TO BRING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CIVILIANS AND DISARM MILITIAS WITHIN THE "SAFE ZONE." FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE IS EXPECTED TO BRIEF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY ON THE FRENCH OPERATION AND THE GENERAL SITUATION IN RWANDA.

Q: HOW MANY UNAMIR TROOPS HAVE DEPLOYED?

A: THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 560 UNAMIR TROOPS NOW IN KIGALI, INCLUDING 206 MEMBERS OF THE GHANAIAN CONTINGENT WHO ARRIVED OVER THE WEEKEND AND ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TRAINING.

4. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESS

Q: THERE ARE RADIO REPORTS THAT FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER

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JUPPE WILL ADDRESS THE SECURITY COUNCIL TODAY. WHAT DETAILS DO WE HAVE ABOUT HIS ADDRESS?

A: BOTH FRENCH PRIME MINISTER BALLADUR AND FOREIGN MINISTER JUPPE ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL LATE THIS MORNING.

WE EXPECT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BRIEF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON "OPERATION TURQUOISE," THE UN-APPROVED, FRENCH-LED HUMANITARIAN OPERATION IN RWANDA, AND DISCUSS UNAMIR AND THE CURRENT SITUATION IN RWANDA. WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS ON HIS ADDRESS.

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